

A B C SEARCH ON FOR MEN TO RULE MEXICO

Mediators Reach Choice of
Provisional Government
Personnel.

VASCONCELOS NOT
WANTED AT PARLEY

Rebels, on Other Hand,
Said To Be Averse to
Join Conference.

FLEEING FEDERALS
REPORTED OVERTAKEN

Believe Huerta Will Make Last
Stand at Queretaro, Instead
of the Capital.

The A B C mediators at Niagara
Falls have made such progress that
they are already discussing with the
American and Mexican delegates to
the peace conference the personnel of
the provisional government they expect
to propose for Mexico.

Carranzistas in Washington declare
their belief that the Constitutionalists
will not accept another invitation to
take part in the mediation conference
if it is offered.

Pancho Villa is reported to have
overtaken the fleeing Federals south of
Saltillo, and it is believed a battle is
in progress.

Constitutionalists assert their belief
that the last stand of Huerta will be
made at the historic city of Queretaro,
instead of in Mexico City.

John R. Silliman, American Vice-
Consul at Saltillo, for whose safety
grave fears had been felt, has reached
Mexico City and was taken to the
Brazilian legation. He will leave for
Vera Cruz to-day.

By GEORGE GRISWOLD HILL.
Niagara Falls, Ontario, May 22.—So
far have the plans of the A B C medi-
ators advanced that their informal "con-
versations" with the American and
Mexican delegates to-day were devoted
chiefly to a discussion of the personnel
of the provisional government which it
is proposed shall be placed in control
of affairs in Mexico, to restore peace
and order, institute certain fundamen-
tal reforms and ultimately conduct a
fair and free election for the selection
of a President of the republic.

While no names were agreed upon,
and may not be for some time, several
were suggested and were taken under
consideration by the delegates, who
presumably will now devote their at-
tention to investigating the qualifica-
tions of the men whose names have
been suggested.

The report that pursuant to the
earliest, not to say insistent, represen-
tations of the Secretary of State the
Carranzistas had decided to send to
Niagara Falls José Vasconcelos, the
attorney for the Waters-Pierce Oil
Company, who has been in New York
for some days conferring with Henry
Clay Pierce, caused something of a
flutter, especially among the Mexican
delegates, until they learned that there
was not the slightest likelihood that
Vasconcelos would be admitted to the
conference.

Importance Realized.

The mere fact that the Carranzistas
have decided to send a man to Niagara
Falls is regarded as indicative of their
belated realization of the importance
of the conference. Reports vary as to
whether or not Vasconcelos will ask
admission to the conference, but it is
quite certain that should a request
from him be made it would meet with
prompt refusal.

If General Carranza decides that it
behoves him to be represented he
probably can gain that end through the

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EXCAVATORS FIND A VENUS Statue at Cyrene Dates Back to Time of Praxiteles.

Rome, May 22.—A life sized statue of
Venus has been found by excavators
near Cyrene, North Africa, which in
the early centuries was the seat of
Greek culture. The statue, which dates
back to the fourth century B. C.—the
time of Praxiteles, the celebrated
Greek sculptor—is of Parian marble, and
once stood in the Temple of Apollo.

The head and arms are missing and
the excavators are continuing their
search in the hope that they will be
found.

The Venus, which is considered a
masterpiece, will be brought to Rome
in June, to be placed in the National
Museum.

HOGAN WANTS A BRIDE

Has \$60,000 a Year Estate in
Emerald Isle, He Says.

Declaring that he has inherited from
an uncle, Sir Hugh O'Neill, an estate in
County Limerick, Ireland, with a rent
roll of \$60,000 a year, William Hogan,
of Morris Park, Long Island, is looking
for a wife to share it with him.

"I know the estate is there all right,
but I'm hanged if I have any idea
where my future bride is," said Hogan
last night, "yet I don't want to go to
Ireland until I can take her with me."

Hogan isn't more than forty, and he
says letters of application addressed to
him for the vacant wifehip will be
treated in confidence.

OROZCO SUSTAINS CRUSHING DEFEAT

Missing Leader, Who Joined
Huerta, Loses Big Battle Near
San Luis Potosi.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)

El Paso, Tex., May 22.—General
Pasqual Orozco, former revolutionary
leader and one time the idol of Chihua-
hua rebels, who for six months was the
"missing man of Northern Mexico,"
has been found. Advice received
from General Carranza to-day says that
Orozco, at the head of five thousand
Federals, has been crushingly defeated
in a battle near San Luis Potosi and
that his retreating army is being pur-
sued by rebels under General A. Car-
rera Torres.

General Orozco was not known to be
in Northern Mexico. He had been re-
ported a refugee in Los Angeles, and
it was generally believed he had
crossed the border.

Citizens of Las Cruces, New Mexico,
who know Orozco well, say he was in
that town a month ago, and similar
reports were received from other places
on the border.

After the Federal defeat at Ojinaga,
when the entire Federal army crossed
the border and surrendered to the
American army at Presidio, Tex., Orozco
disappeared and it was generally be-
lieved he had fled from the battlefield.

NO MALARIA, SAYS FUNSTON

Sick Rate Only 1.49 Per Cent
Among Soldiers at Vera Cruz.

Washington, May 22.—General Fun-
ston reported to the War Department
to-day that the sick rate among the
soldiers at Vera Cruz is 1.49 per cent,
and 1.46 per cent among the marines.

There are forty-one soldiers in the
hospital, and nineteen in their quar-
ters, while among the marines the sick
total is forty-five. The general said
that there was no malaria in the camp.
The War Department, upon General
Funston's request, is preparing to send
him apparatus and chemicals sufficient
to make water drinkable for the sol-
diers for a period of thirty days.

HEAT PROSTRATES TWO

Warmest May 22 on Record
Here at 86 Degrees.

Yesterday was the hottest May 22 in
the records of this city. The tempera-
ture rose to 86 degrees Fahrenheit, and
the distress it caused would have been
much greater but for the fact that the
humidity was low, ranging from 37 to
18 per cent.

One woman was overcome in the
street, and another as she climbed the
stairs of an office building. The first
was Catherine Cullen, a cleaner at
Blackwell's Island, who collapsed as she
was passing 1022 Lexington av. She
was taken to Reception Hospital. The
other is in Bellevue, too ill to be able to
tell who she is. She was found uncon-
scious on the sixth floor of 149
Spring st.

The hottest May day since the es-
tablishment of the Weather Bureau
office occurred on May 31, 1895. The
temperature then was 95 degrees Fahr-
enheit. The weather man promises
speedy relief.

QUIZ ENTRANTS!

You must turn in your
answers to-day. None
accepted after mid-
night. Read Page 4
for final instructions.

TOOK BLAME FOR MORGAN, SAYS MELLEN

Indictment Over Grand
Trunk Meant Financier's
Death, It Is Asserted.

"HOLD-UPS" CHARGED
IN SALES OF STOCKS

New Haven's Ex-President
Ends Testimony with
Many Accusations.

DEAL WITH SCHIFF
IS CALLED COSTLY

Personal Views of Directors
Given—"Prayer from the
Hills" Explained.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, May 22.—With the de-
claration that he had accepted the re-
sponsibility for the Grand Trunk transac-
tions to save the late J. P. Morgan,
Charles S. Mellen brought his testi-
mony at the Interstate Commerce
Commission's New Haven Railroad in-
vestigation to a climax to-day. He as-
serted that he accepted the burden of
an indictment because he feared Mr.
Morgan, then in declining years, was
in such health that it would have killed
him to have been involved.

As a result of his testimony about
the Grand Trunk transaction Mr. Mel-
len obtained immunity from prosecu-
tion.

Mr. Mellen told of a conversation he
had had with the present J. P. Morgan,
in which Mr. Morgan suggested a
change in the presidency of the New
Haven road. There appeared to be a
tinge of resentment in his tone.

"At the time Mr. Morgan called upon
me and thought the change in the
presidency was desirable," he said, "I
called his attention to the fact that I
had been suffering under the humilia-
tion of an undeserved indictment to
protect his father.

Meant Death to Father.

"He seemed quite affected. He
turned to the window to compose his
feelings, and returned to the conversa-
tion with the remark that his father's
condition of health at that time was
such that it would undoubtedly have
killed him if he had been indicted.
That was the condition I understood
he was in when I undertook the respon-
sibility myself and took the indictment
that belonged to him."

Mr. Mellen's testimony concerning
the Grand Trunk was part of an
unfolding his tale of the amazing
financial transactions of the New
Haven road. It is understood that his
counsel had declined to allow him to
testify as sweepingly as he did until
Joseph W. Folk, chief counsel of the
commission, had agreed to allow his
Grand Trunk testimony. This was for
the obvious purpose of giving to him
immunity from prosecution under an
indictment which had been hanging
over him for eighteen months.

After leaving the witness stand, how-
ever, Mr. Mellen said that he had no
fear of the indictment. "Why," he
added, "that indictment would never
have been brought to trial. It was
brought for political purposes only, and
I had never any fear that it would
reach the courts."

Quiver in Mellen's Voice.

The former president of the New
Haven was as flippant and as defiant
as ever to-day in his replies to Folk's
interrogations. He showed little strain
from his four days' ordeal on the stand,
but when he was asked if the late Mr.
Morgan had anything to do with the
Grand Trunk transaction his voice

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BECKER MUST JOIN THE GUNMEN; JURY IS QUICK TO DOOM HIM; PRISONER CALM; WIFE STUNNED

CHARLES BECKER.



Fifth Ballot Unanimous for Verdict of Mur-
der in First Degree—Deliberations
Last Less Than 2 Hours.

"I'M ASTOUNDED," SAYS HIS COUNSEL

"Result Speaks for Itself," Says Whitman—Prisoner Next
Friday Will Again Be Sentenced to Death—New
Appeal Will Continue Fight for Life.

When "Bald Jack" Rose, after confessing, wrote to Schepps and
said that he "had got to where the electric chair stared him in the
face," he described the situation in which Charles Becker now finds
himself for the second time. In remarkably quick time yesterday
the jury at his second trial for the murder of Herman Rosenthal
brought in a verdict of "guilty as charged."

Becker heard the verdict without flinching. There was no sign
of nervousness in his demeanor when the fatal words of Foreman
Blagden pierced the solemn silence of the court room. Becker's law-
yers, members of the jury and the District Attorney were visibly
moved at the announcement, but the defendant stood calm and un-
emotional at the bar.

It was all over in a few minutes, the court proceedings, and the
condemned man was led back to his cell in the Tombs, to the loneli-
ness, the misery and horror, of reflection—with "the electric chair
staring him in the face." He had no comment to make except to a
friend, as he was leaving the courtroom.

"Terribly sorry, Charley," said his friend. "Yes, I'm sorry, too,"
Becker replied, trying to smile back at the speaker.

The shock of the verdict prostrated
Becker's wife. She was waiting for
the word in the Sheriff's guard room,
on the floor above Justice Seabury's
court. Becker's two brothers and her
own brother were with her. Becker
had left them only a few moments be-
fore to go down to the courtroom and
hear his doom. He left with a cheer-
ing word for his wife.

"Don't worry," he said; "they will
let me go."

Mrs. Becker waited confidently. She
asked Patrick Haley, the deputy
sheriff who attended Becker through-
out the trial, to bring her the word
from the courtroom. He was not gone
ten minutes. Haley opened the door
and, hardly able to speak from emo-
tion, said:

"Charley has gone back to the
Tombs."

Mrs. Becker Stunned by News.

Mrs. Becker was standing in the
centre of the room. The words of Haley
struck her down. She collapsed and
sank into a chair, moaning:

"Good God! Good God! Poor Charley!
I never expected it."

Becker could not stop at the guard-
room to see his wife on his way back
to the Tombs. He was handcuffed to
two deputy sheriffs as he left the
courtroom, and they hurried him over
the Bridge of Sighs.

On request of Martin T. Manton,
chief counsel for the defence, Justice
Seabury deferred sentence. He re-
manded the prisoner to the Tombs un-
til next Friday. On that day Becker
will hear the last official words of the
court pronouncing his death warrant.
Mr. Manton announced that the defence
would appeal. Asked what he thought
of the verdict he said:

"We are all astounded, including
Becker. We expected an acquittal ab-
solutely. We didn't even look for a
disagreement. Of course, we shall ap-
peal. There are ample grounds."

District Attorney Whitman looked
tired, and his face was drawn from the
strain of the trial when seen in his
office after the verdict. He was solemn
and serious and declined to make any
comment, except to say:

"The verdict speaks for itself."

If the verdict itself was not a sur-
prise to most of those who had fol-
lowed the trial, the remarkably short
period of time in which it was returned
by the jury was nothing less. The
actual deliberations occupied less than
two hours, though the verdict was re-
ported four hours and six minutes after
Justice Seabury had sent them to the
jury room. It was said they reached
the verdict within forty minutes after
they began to discuss the evidence.

Five ballots were required to reach
the verdict. The jury retired at 12:51
o'clock. They took one ballot before
going to luncheon at the Murray Hill
Hotel. It stood six for guilty, two for
not guilty, three for a lesser degree and
one blank. The jury returned at 2:55
o'clock and took up the discussion of
the evidence. They talked in low tones
and a good feeling prevailed. A second
ballot was taken in half an hour. One
man came over to the majority. The
third ballot showed a gain of two. The
fourth stood ten for guilty. It did not
take long to persuade the other men to
vote with the majority. The fifth bal-
lot was unanimous.

The jury's deliberations were quiet
and solemn, according to the court at-
tendants. The balloting was all over in
a short time. Word came from the jury
room a few minutes before the message
that they had reached a verdict, asking
how long the jury at the first Becker
trial had been out. It was as if they
were rather embarrassed at the short-
ness of their deliberations. The word

was: "The verdict is just,"

MRS. ROSENTHAL

Gambler's Widow Sorry for Mrs.
Becker—Cannot Forgive
Manton.

"This moment I know she feels as
I felt in my bereavement," said Mrs.
Lillian Rosenthal, widow of the slain
gambler, speaking of the wife of Lieu-
tenant Becker just after his conviction
yesterday.

"The verdict is just and I expected
it," said Mrs. Rosenthal in her rooms
in the Hunt's Point apartments, 1018
163d st., The Bronx. "My heart is
lightened and the ordeal is over. The
state of New York has in its small
way repaid the great loss I suffered.
For Mrs. Becker my heart goes out.
For her bravery and loyalty I admire
her."

"For the jurors I have only thanks.
They were firm and did their duty
without flinching. I shall be grateful
always to our District Attorney for his
zeal in prosecuting the murderers of
my husband."

In speaking of Mr. Manton she was
not so complimentary. "Of course, I
expected that when I went to the
stand he would ask me embarrassing
questions," she said. "I cannot forgive
him, however, for his sneering remark
that 'you are still wearing mourning
and your husband has been dead two
years.'"

Big British Shipping Merger.

London, May 22.—Arrangements were
completed to-day for the amalgamation
of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam-
ship Company and the British India
Steam Navigation Company, two of the
most important British shipping com-
panies, with a capital of over \$60,000,000.

WOMEN INSULT KING AT THEATRE

"Oh, You Russian Czar!"
Cries Militant—Another
Jumps on Stage.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

London, May 22.—The heat wave
which has been smothering London
rushed to the heads of the suffragettes
yesterday. They acted like madwomen
released suddenly in a swarm from
Bedlam. During the command per-
formance of "The Silver King" the
women attempted to break up the play
by yelling epithets at King George, and
were ejected only after terrific strug-
gles.

Suffragettes slashed four pictures in
the National Gallery and smashed into
a painting in the Royal Academy.

Sixty women brought up for trial as
a sequel to the free for all fight out-
side of Buckingham Palace on Thurs-
day made the Bow st. police court a
perfect pandemonium. All in all, it
was the most exciting day in some
time, so far as suffragette activities
were concerned, which London has yet
experienced.

Insults to the King.

Of course, the attempted disturbance
at His Majesty's Theatre and the in-

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FOUR KILLED IN PIER PLANK CRASH

Many Hurlled Into Water
as Crowded Gangway
Breaks—Panic Follows.

While crowded with people, mostly
women and children, the third class
gangway of the Scandinavian-American
steamer Frederick VIII snapped yester-
day afternoon, hurling at least a score
into the Hudson River, while twice that
number were thrown to the pier, in 14th
street, Hoboken, many falling on the
heads of people standing there. A
woman and three children were
drowned, perhaps others; fourteen per-
sons were seriously injured, and thirty
or forty more received lesser injuries.
The dead:

EDWARDS, Mrs. J. W., 748 43d st.,
Brooklyn.

EDWARDS, HELEN, three years old,
daughter of Mrs. Edwards.

FELTSHIN, ANNIE, five years old, 4 Hal-
bert st., Astoria, Long Island.

Unidentified girl.

The seriously injured:

ANDERSON, J. W., 36 Simpson st., Wood-
haven, Long Island, ribs fractured; St. Mary's
Hospital.

BUSTED, OLAF, Maspeth, Long Island,
face and scalp wounds; St. Mary's Hos-
pital, Hoboken.

CARLSON, Mrs. MARY, 1899 2d ave., Brook-
lyn, severe bruises and submersion.

DONALDSON, Mrs. OLGA, 809 14th st.,
Brooklyn, internal injuries; in critical
condition; St. Mary's Hospital.

JACOBSEN, Mrs. EMILY, 415 Clinton av.,
Brooklyn, bruises, shock; St. Mary's Hos-
pital.

JACKERSON, ANNA, 1916 6th av., Brooklyn,
submersion and shock.

KOENIGS, JOHN, 116 High st., West
Orange, N. J., injuries to right leg; St.
Mary's Hospital.

MARCUS, Mrs. —, New Rochelle, sub-
mersion, hysteria.

PETERSON, CHARLES, 521 Washington st.,
Brooklyn, submersion, shock; St. Mary's
Hospital.

RIFT, EUGENE, 278 West 126th st., East
Orange, N. J., submersion and bruises.

WIGLAND, CARL, 663 34th av., employed by
Jacob Schiff, injuries to hip; St. Mary's
Hospital.

Fears are entertained that more than
four were drowned. Conservative esti-
mates place the number of those hurled
into the river at twenty, but the exact
count is unknown.

Panic Follows Accident.

A chaotic scene followed the acci-
dent. Added to the cries of those
struggling in the swift current of the
river were the shrieks of the injured
on the dock, the clang of hospital am-
bulances as they rushed to the rescue
and the sharp orders of the steamship
company's officers. Women became
hysterical and one man went violently
insane.

Panic seized the two thousand who
had gone to the pier to see friends and
relatives off. Men and women were
trampled, and efforts of rescuers were
hampered.

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NEW HAVEN ROAD SENT \$358 PRAYER TO THE LEGISLATURE

Purported To Be Appeal "from the Hills" for the
Passage of a Bill for the Benefit of
Line in Massachusetts.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, May 22.—The following is
the "Prayer from the Hills," which was
sent to the Massachusetts Legislature to
influence favorable action on a New
Haven railroad bill and for which the
New Haven paid \$358, although it was
supposed to be a genuine appeal:

"I will lift up mine eyes to the hills
from whence cometh my help. Good rea-
son have you of the cities to remember
these words. To you of the valleys, of
the plains, of the coast, our help has
gone steadily forth; our best young manhood
has kept you whole; our blood, our char-
acter, has made New England.

"We take pride in you, ye teeming cities
all. Often have you sought our assent to
costly promotions for your advancement;
time after time have you had our sup-
port. But we have sacrificed much; our
population has dwindled, our herds have
diminished, the woods have grown at our
cost; we have bowed to our fate. Our
youth have forsaken the homesteads; our
elders are gray and disheartened.

"We now in turn make our appeal for
help. The boon we crave, though great
for us, is slight enough for you to grant.
Opportunity, long a stranger here, now
knocks at our doors, leading prosperity
back to these hills. We only ask you
leave to bid her enter. Wherever modern
transit lays its course there dwains the
age of a golden New England; cultivation
thrives; new orchards are planted; indus-
tries develop; summer guests arrive; glad-
ness rejoices the land.

"To make these benefits our own we ask
not that the public purse be opened and
millions poured for our advantage. No
only pray that others be allowed to help
us; that you don't bar our gates against
their coming; that helping hands reached
out to serve us be not stayed, that they,
with faith in us and in the potent promise
of our Massachusetts hills be not re-
buffed, they who would back their faith
with works. And well we know what a
refusal means—that you would thrust us
back again, unhelped, down to the slough
of despond, there to decline and vanish
from the land where once we counted
with the foremost there."